

REMARKS

Claims 39, 42, 43, 46, 47, 50-52, 54, 56-58, 60-64, 66-68, 70 and 71 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by British Patent 176,590 (Jamie). Claims 40, 41, 44, 45, 48, 49, 53, 55, 59, 65 and 69 have been objected to as dependent from a rejected base claim, the Examiner indicated that these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

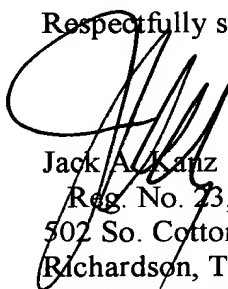
To avoid confusion and to simplify examination, all of Claims 39-71 have been canceled and Claims 40, 41, 44, 45, 48, 49, 53, 55, 59, 65 and 69 rewritten in clean form as new Claims 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 81, 82, 86, 87 and 91, respectively. Since these claims have been rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the claims from which they originally depended as indicated by the Examiner, it is respectfully submitted that said Claims 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 81, 82, 86, 87 and 91 are now presented in condition for allowance.

Claims 78, 79 and 80 (originally presented as Claims 50, 51 and 52, respectively) have been rewritten to include the limitations of previously allowed Claim 48 (now presented as Claim 76) and are therefore believed patentable over all references cited. Similarly, Claims 83, 84 and 85 (previously presented as Claims 56, 57 and 58, respectively) include all the limitations of previously allowed Claim 55 (now presented as Claim 82); Claims 88, 89 and 90 (previously presented as Claims 66, 67 and 68) include all the limitations of previously allowed Claim 65 (now presented as Claim 87); and Claims 92 and 93 (previously presented as Claims 70 and 71, respectively) include all the limitations of previously allowed Claim 69 (now presented as Claim 91). Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 78, 79, 80, 83, 84, 85, 88, 89, 90, 92 and 93 are patentable over the references cited and also in condition for allowance.

Since Claims 39-71 have been cancelled; since Claims 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 81, 82, 86, 87 and 91 have been presented in form previously indicated allowable, and since Claims 78, 79, 80, 83, 84, 85, 88, 89, 90, 92 and 93 as now presented have been shown to be patentable over all the references cited, all as set forth hereinabove, it is respectfully requested that Claims 72-93 be allowed and the case advanced to issue. An early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.

In the event a telephone conference could resolve any outstanding issue, a call to the undersigned is invited.

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